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## DTI INVITES STATE EMPLOYEES TO "GO GREEN," LAUNCHES GREEN IT WEBSITE

State Agency's Monthly Energy Consumption Savings Equivalent to Powering 23.7 Homes

**Dover** – The Department of Technology and Information (DTI) today launched Delaware state government's first Green IT website (<http://dti.delaware.gov/greenit>) and invited all state organizations and employees to join the "Green Army," and realize the benefits of energy cost reductions and other technology-driven savings.

DTI Secretary Tom Jarrett in announcing the initiative said, "DTI has been leading by example - primarily limited within DTI thus far- by lowering its energy consumption, reducing waste, and creating a more environmentally friendly computing environment. Our agency reduced our energy consumption in 2008 by 14% over 2007 through some fairly simple steps such as raising the temperature in our Dover data center by 2 degrees, installing pc power management tools in our office workspaces and adding motion light sensors in common areas. The amount of energy consumption saved on a monthly basis is the equivalent to the amount of energy needed to power **23.7 homes!** We are now inviting other state organizations to join in the Green IT effort and have provided a website with the tools to help other state agencies realize these benefits within their organizations."

DTI is in the process of "virtualizing" servers, a method of combining data from several sources on one physical piece of equipment. To date, 54 servers have been virtualized, eliminating the actual "boxes," and this will result in \$92,000 in energy cost reductions. "Think Before You Print," another common sense initiative has lowered DTI's paper usage by 10%.

The Green IT site features numerous ways that state employees can individually assist in the cost reduction efforts from scheduling conference calls instead of traveling to meetings to using "instant messaging" technology instead of placing instate long distance calls to other state organizations. A "Green Army" email subscription service will provide state employees with the opportunity to receive updates and tips on other green activities for both work and home.



Today's announcement to all state employees is the first step in sharing DTI's green computing expertise. All state employees also received a copy of the first Green IT newsletter. Link : <http://dti.delaware.gov/greenit/newsletter/greenIT-news-issue-1.pdf>

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